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A CIA Exception

Despite strict prohibitions against direct ties between the CIA and American news organizations, CIA Director William Casey once gave approval for agency use of a U.S. journalist on an intelligence mission—the first such OK since the Iran hostage crisis. "I've made one exception [to the rules] in six years," Casey said last week, adding that the journalist was never actually used because the circumstances changed. A CIA spokesman subsequently declined to give further details, except to indicate that the incident occurred early in the Reagan administration.

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